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on my head in its worst form. I was attended

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treatment it continued spreading, until my

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MORE DUTY ON LEAD.

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attendance from all parts of the country

of participants in the first campaign of the Republican party. Invitations have

ors of all states and members of congress.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES.

John Wanamaker's Manager Accused

of Bribery in His Chief's

Interests.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 31.-Some startling

testimony was given to-day at the prelimi-

nary hearing of E. A. Van Valkenburg,

who has charge of John Wanamaker's sen-

atorial campaign at Harrisburg, and who

was arrested last night charged with at-

tempting to bribe Representative Webster

C. Weiss, of Northampton county, to vote

for Mr. Wanamaker for United States sen-

ator. After Mr. Van Valkenburg had been

called and pleaded not guilty, the prosecu-

employed by the Interstate Detective

sent to the Wanamaker people early in

He said it had been given him by

Valkenberg. The defendant's counsel ob-jected to the testimony as having no bear-

ing on the Weiss case, but the justice ad-

The trial terminated abruptly this after-

hearing and entered bail. This was done because of the admission of Detective Til-

lard's testimony, regardless of the objec-tions of the defense. Shortly after leaving the office, another warrant was served up-

on Mr. Van Valkenburg, charging him with

Lackawanna. Bail in the same sum was

ntered. After the withdrawal of the de-

fendant and his counsel, the taking of tes-timony was proceeded with in their ab-

sence. Tillard swore that he had received \$500, in five notes of \$100 each, to pay to Representative Weiss. He said the money was given to him by Van Valkenburg. He subsequently refused five other \$100 notes from Scranton and returned them to Van-

heir receipt.

Valkenburg, who afterwards acknowledged

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 31.-E. A. Van Val-

kenturg returned from Pottsville with At-torney Bergner this evening. He will give

timony offered by the prosecutor at to-day's hearing.

Mr. Weiss says relative to the alleged attempt to bribe: "I knew Mr. Van Valkenburg slightly during the last session, when he was secretary of the house committee on appropriations. I have not, to my knowledge, met him since. He has never approached me in any way in the interests of Mr. Wanamaker's candidacy. I have been approached and importuned by others in Mr. Wanamaker's behalf, but not by Mr. Van Valkenburg. I have nothing further to say at this time on the subject. except that I expect to vote for Senator Penrose."

M'KINLEY'S POPULAR MAJORITY.

Is 630,742 Over Bryan and 316,399

Over All.

the vote of Maryland for president, Novem-

ber 3, was completed to-day, this being the

last state. The total vote in the different

McKinley (Rep.) received 7,101,401; Bryan

(Dem.), 6,470,656; Palmer (Gold Standard),

135,966; Levering (Pro.), £30,560; Bentley

(National), 14,392; Matchette (Socialist), 23,

539. McKinley's plurality is 636,742, and his majority over all, 316,399.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

J. R. Phillips, a young real estate man of

Marshall, Mo., was married to Miss Edna B. Fry, at her home in Auxvasse, Callaway county, yesterday, Rev. A. A. Wallace

James Scoulter, of Johns Hopkins uni-

versity, was elected president of the Amer-

next meeting of the association will be

Professor Marion Singley, of Kansas

City, read a paper on "Bational Methods of Teaching Arithmetic in Elementary Schools" before the Southern Educational

Forsaken by her only daughter, homeless and in utter poverty Mrs. Clementine Laurent, aged 70, died at Muskogee, I. T.,

yesterday. She was wealthy a few years ago, and ran a large hotel and merchan-

James Jones was shot and killed by

James Speaks, sixteen miles west of Eu

faula, I. T., yesterday morning. The dif-

account. Speaks went to Muskogee and

dise establishment at Van Buren Ark

Association at Mobile, Ala., yesterday.

can Historical Association yesterday.

states was 13,888,762,

officiating.

held in Cleveland.

Chicago, Dec. 31,-The official canvass of

nt a statement to-morrow denying the tes-mony offered by the prosecutor at to-

Tillard swore that he had received

onspiracy to bribe Dr. N. J. Mackey,

on when the defendant waived a further

sent to President-elect McKinley, President-elect Hobart, the govern-

face was covered with scales and became ;

Four years ago Eczema made its appearance

rution of the business in which said delendants are engaged.

"And your orator further shows to the court that the purpose of the defendants and their associates in organizing the ex-change and in adopting and enforcing the rules and by-laws aforesaid, was and is to prevent the consignment of any stock to Kansas City market unless said stock is consigned to the defendant and other nbers; and was and is to compel ship pers of stock to pay the defendants and their associates the commissions and charges provided for in rule 9, and to prevent all shippers from placing their prop-erty on sale at the market unless such commissions to provided for in rule 9 were paid to the defendants and associates in their unlawful combination; and your orafor further shows to the court that it was also the purpose of the defendants and their associates, by the means aforesaid, to monopolize the landness of receiving and reshipping all stock received at City, and all stock in the West, to prevent the sale at and market by any person not a member of the exchange of any live stock; and to prevent any person other than themselves from acting an commission agents in and about the sale of stock at the yards; to obstruct and retard owners of stock in the tale and disposition of their property in the market of Kansas City and in other markets to which stock is reshipped.

'In consideration thereof, and inasmuch

ha your orator is relievable only in the premises in this honorable court, where tters of this nature are properly countzjoins and relievable, your orator respect and decree that said Kausas City Inter Stock exchange be dissolved, and that The perfendants and each of them be provariously and permanently enjoined and are ablited from entering into or continuing up any sort of combination, contract, agreed in to confederation to degrive the people engaged in shipping selling, buying and pandling live stock received from the Western states and sold to the packing houses of Kansas City. Mo., and Kansas City. Kas., or to other persons or corpora-tions, or intended to be reshipped to other states or to foreign countries, from enfoying free access to the market of Kansai City and to the facilities afforded by the Kansas City stock yards on the payment of the same rates and charges at said stock yards as are now paid by the de-

tion against the enforcement of any of the alleged unlawful rules of the exchange. M'CRAITH RESIGNS.

The petition further asks for an infur

#### His Row With President Compers Lends to His Quitting the A.

F. of L. Secretaryship. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31 .- Secretary Mc. Craith, of the American Federation of La-bor, resigned to-day. He gave for the first time his statement in reference to the charges against President Compers, which created the sensation at the recent co vention of the federation at Cincinnati. The charge made then which Mr. McCraith reiterated to-night, was that Compers negotiated with National Chairman Jones for the purpose of using the federation's milluence in behalf of silver in the recent campaign. Mr. McCraith in his statement

That Gompers was in collision with Senator Jones there can be no question, notwithstanding the federation had emphatically declared against political action. The federation at Denver and New York emphatically declared against political action. But at the first opportunity its president stultifies himself by going completely back upon this declaration. Already the fron and steel workers are up in arms against the action of the recent convention on free silver."

Is Now in Sam Jones' Class. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 31,-H. C. Morrison who has been holding ings without permission of presiding elders, was to-day expelled from the Methodist ministry. He is a sen of H. C. Morrison, of Nashville, and made Lexington his residence. Morrison's moral character was not involved. He now stands in the same at-titude toward the Methodist church (South) us does Sam Jones.

Wichita, Kes., Dec. 31.-(Special.) Gun Club of Colwich has sent 700 rabbits to this city for a New Year's dinner for the poor. The rabbits are the fruit of one



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Cut Glass Ice Cream			
Dishes, doz	75,00	130W	58,25
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Cut Glass Water Tum-Cut Giass Olive Dish ...... 4.90 now Cut Class Decanter ...... 18.50 now 13.90 Cut Glass Fruit Bowl ...... 20,00 now 15,00

Cut Glass Vase ... Glass Cigar Jar ...... 20.00 now 15.00 Cut Glass Sugar and Cream, 10.00 now 7.50



#### FAILURES ing to \$40,000.

MORE THAN IN ANY PREVIOUS YEAR EXCEPTING 1893.

BIG INCREASE IN LIABILITIES.

RULK OF THE EXCESS WAS IN AU-GUST AND SEPTEMBER.

Year Closed With an Epidemic of Pallures, Principally in the West -Dun's and Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Trade.

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New York, Dec. M .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say:

"There have been more commercial fallures in 1896 than in any previous year except 1832-about H.So. against 13/197 last year, with liabilities of about \$25,000 000, against \$175,196,060 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent and in liabliities of 29 per cent. The holiday makes it impossible to give exact figures until next week, but the monthly returns heretofore prepared show that \$35,000,000 of the excess over last year was in two months, August and September, in which manufacturing liabilities were \$15,600,000 larger than last year mallow \$10,100,000, and brokers and other commercial, \$10,300,000 larger. Of the latter class, \$11.041.416 out of about \$15.600,-000 were in those two months; of the manufacturing class, \$24,919,356 out of about \$38,-200,000 in the whole year were in those two months, and of the trading class \$21,831,880 out of about \$108,500,000 in the whole year. The ratio of defaulted liabilities to clearng house exchanges was \$4.37 per \$1,000, against \$1.25 last year, and \$6.35 in 1893. The average of defaulted liabilities per firm in business was \$190.57, against \$145 last year and \$29,65 in 180.

"The year closes will an epidemic of failures, mainly at the West and in banks, oan and trust companies or concerns desendent on them. The action of clearing houses in various places indicates no want of confidence, and several banks which have failed will be enabled to pay in full, but disclosures of unsoundness in a few widely known institutions, in the abnormal state of popular feeling, after an exciting contest on the monetary issue, has caused listrust and suspicion where it is fremently undeserved. There has been no monetary pressure to cause trouble, nor have important Western products declined n value. There has evidently been too beral assistance given by some fidicuary oncerns to speculative operations. Irain on Eastern funds has resulted since the first alarm at two large failures, and the money then sent has all returned.

"Failures often grow more frequent as annual settlements approach. Holiday dull-ness has been intensified by the failures and the efforts of great combinations to make new arrangements. With iron, coke, wool, cotton and hides, all somewhat lowthere is almost universal confidence that business will soon become large and safer than before for a long time, and several large establishments, among them the Yonkers Carpet works, which employ 7,000 hands when full, and the Maryland Steel 'empany, will now start operation. ton mills have enormous stocks of unsold goods in some lines, the surplus of print cloths being the largest ever known and first four months and were smaller than tive, made the aggregate during

four months nearly equal to that of last Wheat has risen to the highest point since June, 1822, because Western receipts in five weeks have been but 13,280,000 bushds, against 22,606,367 last year.

els, against 22,695,357 last year.

"Atlantic exports, flour included, have been, in five weeks, 9,000,000 bushels, against 10,613,349 last year. The exports from New York in December were 5 per cent larger and imports 12 per cent smaller than last year. Bradstreet's on Saturday will say: General trade has been rather more

quiet, and this week proves one of the dullest of the dull season which has followed the fortnight of revived demand early in November, The uneasiness last week caused by Northwestern bank failures is continued by similar embarrassments at Chicago and Minneapolis, These bank failures seem to be the outcome of conditions originating in the banks, and not due to

the situation of general trade.
"Unseasonable weather, the making of inventories and the customary absence of demand in wholesale lines have combined to produce more than the usual holiday duliness. More favorable reports include heavy exports of flour and general merchandise from Tacoma to China and Ja pan, the receipt at Chicago of a satisfact ory amount of orders for dry goods for spring delivery, and an increased total vol-ume of business in 1896 among St. Louis shoe manufacturers and jobbers and job-

ers of dry goods as compared with ING, "Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, amount to 2,707,793 bushels, as compared with 2,111,000 host week, 3,457,000 in the week a year ago, 1,814,000 bushels two years ago, and with 2,025,000 in the corresponding week of 1883. Exports of Indian corn thi week amount to 2,656,994 bushels, against 2,468,000 last week, 1,839,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 619,000 two years ago, 815,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 244,000 in the like week of 1892. "Total business failures in the United States in 1896 (in which liabilities exceed assets) number 15,112, an increase of 16 per cent over 1895, when the total increased 2 per cent, compared with 1894, In which year failures fell off 18 per cent from 1833, when the total was 15,560, the largest on record Total liabilities of those failing in 1896 amounted to \$247,000,000, 55 per cent more than last year and 65 per cent more than in the year 1884, being exceeded only by total liabilities in the year 1885-\$402,000,000. The ratio of assets to liabilities among those failing in 1896 was 60 per cent, an evidence of an unusually high rate of mortality, which is exceeded only by the corresponding exhibit for 1823. The commer-cial death rate was in 1826, 1.41 per centby which it is meant that 1.40 per cent of in business last year failed. This death rate was exceeded only in 1892, when it was 1.51 per cent. In 18% the commercial death rate was 1.23, and in 1894, 1.21 per cent."

# NORTH DAKOTA BANK FAILS.

Second National of Grand Forks Forced, by Heavy Withdraw-

nis, to Close Its Doors. Grand Forks, S. D., Dec. 31.-The direc tors of the Second National bank, of this city, this morning decided not to open for business. The following notice was immediately posted on their doors; "On account of recent heavy withdrawals of deposits and the impossibility of realizing upon our assets, it has been decided by our board of directors to suspend and the comptroller

be advised of our action." It is said by the officers that immediately following the initure of the National Bank of Illinois and the Bank of Minnesota the bank had sustained a shrinkage of \$40,000. while their deposits amounted to about \$17,000 during the past fourteen days. The bank published a statement of its con-dition at the close of business December 17, which showed: Loans and discounts, \$158,-086.92; due from national and state banks and approved reserve agents, \$9,342.59; due to banks and depositors, \$179,749.76; redis-

counts, \$4,600. The capital stock paid in was \$50,000, with undivided profits amount-

Startling Revelation Concerning a

INSOLVENT FOR TEN YEARS.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Bank. Hollidaysburg, Pa., Dec. 31.-The true nancial condition of the bank of Gardner, Morrow & Co., that closed its doors last September, was made public to-day. The liabilities aggregated \$13,739.27. The good assets foot up \$94,000 and the uncollectible accounts \$80,000. The bankers offer no explanation of the shortage of \$159,730.27 between the Habilities and the total usacts This discrepancy still remains a mystery The statements flied in the county court show that the bank has been an insolvent institution for ten years.

Stockholders Put Un More Money. Chicago, Dec. 31.-The Dime Savings bank has been saved, it is announced, by the sacrince of the stockholders, who have gone down into their pockets and paid an assessment of some 50 per cent. instruction of Auditor Grey is understood to have found a large deficiency in the bink's assets, and rather than have the institution close its doors the directors put the bank on its feet.

Arkansas City Merchant Palls. Arkansas City, Kas., Dec. 31.-(Special. The St. Louis Bargain store of William Hamilton & Co., of this city, was closed this morning by the mortagees, who hold liens against the stock for \$5,500. It b claimed by the proprietor that the stock will invoice \$10,000. Mr. Hamilton has large store at Ponca City, O. T., but it is not involved.

Warrensburg Implement Pailure. Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 31 .- (Special. enick & Higgins, implement dealers failed to-day. A mortgage of \$1,200 was given to the Deering Harvester Company of Chicago, Ill., who now has charge of the stock. The liabilities of the firm are in the neighborhood of \$5,000; assets, \$10,000

New York Importer Goes Under. New York, Dec. 31.-Obediah L. Sypher doing business under the name of Syphen & Co., importer and dealer in furniture, brie-a-brae and antiques, to-day confessed judgment for \$81,000. The Habilities are said to be \$150,000. Depression in trade caused the failure,

Perry, O. T., Grocery Attached. Perry, O. T., Dec. 3L-(Special.) The grocery stock of J. T. Haynes, of this city, was attached late last night by local creditors. Haynes is out of the city and the true situation cannot be ascertained. was once a prominent druggist near St

A French Bank Fallure. Paris, Jan. 1.—The bank failure is an nounced at Caen of David and Julien Renier & Co. for 1.250,000 francs (\$250,000). The books were found to be falsified, and David Renier has fied. The failure will probably ruin all of the farmers in the district.

Bentrice, Neb., Bank to Fail. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.-The Farmers and Merchants' bank, a state institution rent into voluntary liquidation to-day. It as been announced that all depositors will be paid in full at once.

### POLICE BOARDS TO STAY.

Governor-Elect Leedy Will Do Nothing to Overthrow the Metropolitan Police System.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 31.-(Special.) The essage of Governor-elect Leedy to the legislatere will contain no recommendation about a quarter of a year's consumption. for the repeal of the Metropolitan police Wool sales decreased 24 per cent in the law, and he will not, as governor, abolish law, and he will not, as governor, abolish the system in the six large cities in Kansecond four months, when new wool was coming forward, and were much the smallest ever known except in the panic of for those cities. This plan was decided up-1873; but enormous sales, mainly specula-tive made the aggregate during the last lines his election, the governor-elect has pent more time pondering over the question what to do with the police matters than all other questions combined. There were so many different things to take into consideration and so many suggestions made in favor of both sides of the question that it befuddled even the mind of a Populist officer-elect. After "weighing everything carefully and for the best interests of the greatest number," Mr. Leedy to-day made up his mind to retain the police

boards. The chief cause which led the governor elect to reach this decision was the fact that the cities which maintain metropolitan systems are naturally Republican, The Populists in those places maintained that to abolish the system and give the people home rule would be to turn over all the ammunition to the enemy which was cap tured at the recent election. They asserted that the police wield a powerful influence in political affairs in the large cities, and that if that power were turned over to the Republicans, the Popocratic party in those counties might as well go out of business Their argument in that line was so forcible that Leedy could not withstand it, with an ambition for a re-election concealed in his vest pocket. He was being pursued so industriously by the city folks that he cut loose to-day and announced to some of his friends that he proposed to retain the police boards and would not advocate the repeal of the metropolitan law.

For the Wakeeney Land Office. Topeka, Kes., Dec. 31.-(Special.) The friends of Bud Perryman are pushing his claims for the position of receiver of the

Wakeeney land office. Mr. Perryman is now employed in the state treasurer's office Joseph Gill, of Colby, is an applicant for register of the Colby office, and it is said that his name is on the slate.

Arment Can Be Postmaster. Dodge City, Kas., Dec. 31.-(Special.) J. A. Arment, chairman of the Ford county Republican central committee, has a lead pipe cinch on the Dodge City postoffice. He is the only candidate for the position, and has the indorsement of all the leading Rethe only candidate for the publicans in this section.

Two Auditor's Clerks Resign. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 31 .- (Special.) Ed Smith, of Kansas City, Kas., and Irving Cole, of Girard, two clerks in the state auditor's office, resigned their positions to day. Mr. Smith has accepted a place in the office of the Memphis Railroad Company at Kansas City.

The Colby, Kas., Postoffice. Colby, Kas., Dec. 31 .- (Special.) Bob Mc Gonigal, clerk of the appellate court for this district, is likely to be the next postmaster of Colby. He can get the place if he wants it, and his friends are urging him to go after it.

WILL SOON BE STARVING AGAIN,

The \$65,000 Appropriation Inadequate to Relieve the Louisiana Famine. Menroe, La., Dec. 31.-It is said that the \$65,000 appropriation by the state for the relief of the drouth sufferers will not be dequate. Careful estimates show that the mount distributed will not furnish bread for more than two weeks, and by February three-fourths of the people of the drouthstricken region will be without the means

Yellow Fever Germ Discovered. London, Jan. L.-A dispatch from Rome to the Standard says that a young Italian doctor named Cacarelli, who has himself recovered from the disease in Rio Janeiro, has discovered the yellow fever germ, and has given the details of his discovery under seal to the Rome Academy of Medicine.



SPAIN PROPOSES.

ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON.

OF PORTO RICO AT ONCE.

GOES INTO EFFECT IN THE ISLAND

To Be Promulgated in Cuba as Soon as Pacification Is Effected-Maceo Declared to Be Still Alive-His Successor Reported Dend.

Washington, Dec. 31.-The form of autonomy which Spain is willing to grant to Cuba was decided upon in Madrid to-day at a council of the ministry, presided over by the queen regent. The decree still lacks the official indorsement of the cortes, but this, it is believed, will easily be obtainable when conditions have reached such a point that the Spanish authorities believe the reforms can be introduced in Cuba face was covered with scales and became a horrid, loathsome sight. For three months I did not leave the house. I had a fine head of hair, seven years' growth, and had to sacrifice it. I was in despair. The physicians had failed even to relieve me, when one of them recommended CUTICURA SOAP. I used three boxes of CUTICURA (bintment), one half dozen cakes of CUTICURA SOAP, and one bottle of CUTICURA SOAP, and in three weeks from the time I began, the scales had left my face and the skin lost its florid hue. In via weeks I was entirely cured. My face was smooth and my complexion clearer than it had ever been before MARION A. SMITH, Sunbury, Pa. without disturbance and turmoil from any discontented factions. This information reached the Spanish legation to-night, and Minister DeLome was authorized to make public the concessions agreed upon. These reforms are to go into effect immediately in Porto Rico and are announced to-day is the desire to promulgate them as a New

Year's gift to the citizens of Porto Rico. These same measures of relief, it is said will be announced in Cuba so soon as the pacification of the island is such that the reforms can be brought about without such revolt as would now be caused by the in surgents. It is claimed that, should the rebellious portions of the island indicate their willingness to accept the system of home rule suggested by Spain, and cease the insurrection, the reforms would go into effect immediately. Though the decree announced to-night is intended for Porto Rice alone, when they are effected in Cuba they will be on an enlarged scale, and Porte Rico also will be favored with the larger rights allowed Cuba. Friends of the Span ish legation here state that these reform were not brought about by the intermedia tion of the United States.

Senor De Lome said to-night: "The re form law was voted by the cortez in Feb ruary, 1895. It was accepted then by the Autonomist party and carried unanimous-ly in the party. Among the voters were such conspicuous autonomists as Montoro Giberga, Labra, Ferry, Fernando and Gon-zales, all Cubans. The leaders of the Au tonomist party of Porto Rico have been in Madrid this winter, and the royal decree entirely meets with their approval. What has been printed as a new plan of reform s nothing but the law of 1895 published by the Spanish legation in May last in the pamphlet entitled 'Spanish Rule in Cuba. The restrictions on the appointment of councilors are not against the people, bu a restriction of the powers of the government. Nearly all the councilors appointed by the crown are to be taken from people that have received votes from the elector tion called J. Tillard, who said he was community or are among the principal tax Agency, of Scranton. Tillard said he was

York tunta, and even people now in the field, should be appointed councilors by the crown, and, of course, elected.

the summer to hire out to them and then disclose all information he could get to "The object of the reforms in Cuba and Porto Rico & to transfer to the council of He described the interviews he had with Mr.Van Valkenberg. He said it was agreed that he was to help the latter secure votes administration of each island powers which hitherto have been attributes of the govagainst Senator Quay's candidate for Uniternment officials and exercised in Madrid. ed States senator. He told how he had con-The reforms as announced state that this spired with and induced Van Valkenberg council of administration is to be composed, to give him money to bribe people in variin the case of Porto Rico, of six provincial emblymen of the region in which the showing a photographic receipt from Dr. Mackey, of Luzerne county, for \$1.250, and pledging himself to vote for Wanamaker. next biennial election shall take place, and six councilors appointed by the supreme government. The councilors appointed by Tillard acknowledged that he had kept \$50 the government must be qualified as folout of the original sum, which was \$1,300

"To be or to have been president of a chamber of commerce, of the Economic So-ciety of Friends of the country, or of the ssociation of Agriculturists. "To be or to have been director of the Institute of San Juan, or dean of the Cor-

orations of Lawyers of San Juan de Puer

"To be or to have been for four years previously one of the fifty principal tax-payers of the island. "To have been a senator or representa-

tive to the cortes in two or more legisla. "To have been elected two or more times president of the provincial assembly, or two years mayor of San Juan de Puerto

The council is to deliberate upon the gen eral estimates of expenditures and revenue of the island, upon the general accounts with the finance department of the island, which must be presented annually within the six months following the end of the financial year; upon the removals or sus pensions of the mayor or aldermen, and upon the portions for legislative reforms that emanate from the provincial assem

The provincial assembly shall resolve, in accordance with the laws and regulations whatever it may deem proper for the man-agement in the whole island of public works, posts and telegraphs, railways and navigation, agriculture, manufactures trade, immigration and colonization, pub lic instruction, charities and the health department, without prejudice, of the su-pervision and the powers inherent to the sovereignty of the nation or which laws reserve to the supreme government.

The revenues for its appropriations shall consist: First, of the proceeds of the lands and rents that are the property of the province or of the institutions whose man agement pertains to the provincial assem-bly, second, of the surcharges, which the bly, second, of the surcharges, which the law may authorize upon the taxes of the state, which are collected by the finance department of the Island; and third, of the contributions it may demand from the mu-nicipalities, the contributions being appor-tioned among the municipalities in pro-portion to their revenues.

It shall be the duty of the governor gen-eral, as supreme chief of the authorities of the island, to carry out the resolutions of the council.

of the council.

Although the budget for the island must be finally voted by the Spanish parliament, the Antilles send a numerous and powerful representation to the cortes, enjoying in this respect a great advantage over the English colonies.

## CLEARED FOR CUBA.

Steamer Commodore Off With a Cargo of Arms and Ammunition for the Insurgents.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31 -The steamer Commodore cleared at the custom house at 5 o'clock this afternoon with a cargo of arms and ammunition consigned to Salvador Cisnoros, president of the Cuban re public, at Cien Fuegos, Cuba. A crew of twenty-seven men was carried, despite the fact that the Commodore is of only ninety-nine tons register. Most of these were Cubans. Among the number was Stephen Crane, the novelist, who signed as a sea man at \$20 per month. The cargo consisted of the following: One thousand pounds of dynamite, two boxes electric apparatus, 200 rifles, 203,000 cartridges, 300 machetes, fourteen boxes of drugs and three bundles of clothing.

Clearance papers were issued, notwithficulty arose over the settlement of an standing that a formal protest was made gave himself up, claiming he acted in selfby Senor Solis, Spanish consul for Florida, which was made in writing to the col-Edward Kasper was killed and John Keller fatally burned in an explosion in the Monitor coal mine, five miles south of West Bay City, Mich., yesterday morning. Michael Simons was injured, but over fifty miners who were in the mine escaped. The three named were the only ones in the lead lector. The grounds were that the rules and regulations of ports of entry in Cuba prohibit the importation of munitions of

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requisite in going to a foreign port, for beginning had my sympathy, the reasons that the regulations do not permit the importation of arms upon the island without a permit, and this Captain Murphy did not have. The consul issued certificate, however, stating his refusal and the reason thereof. The Commodore went down the river about 8 o'clock, an flicer from the revenue cutter Boutwell no one should be taken aboard while going General Weyler be replaced by General As-

ome convenient place along the Cuban The steamer Three Friends arrived in port shortly after noon to-day from Key West, with Peter O. Knight, deputy collector of customs at Key West, on board. Mr. Knight reported to the collector of customs, Bisbee, and the latter, actings, -- KANSAS CITY, MO.

officer from the Boutwell placed
The boat will be held until it all beled by the district attorney, who was of the city to-day. The officer of the Three Friends declined to make any statement

oncerning the trip. Despite the denials, however, the reported hase of the boat by a Spanish cruiser has been well authenticated, and also that the cruiser; also the fact that the men and cruiser; also the fact that the men and cargo were afterward left on one of the keys near the southern coast of the state. The Dauntless has gone after the men and cargo, but has not as yet been heard from. A dispatch from Key West states that a yacht has returned to that place with a party of Cubans, believed to have been the men who were left there by the Three Friends.

Friends.

The crulser Newark has been ordered from Key West to St. John's Bar, and will arrive to-morrow. It will examine the papers of all suspicious steamers that leave

IS MACEO STILL ALIVE?

Passengers From Havana Declare He Is Convalescing in a Hospital. New York, Dec. 31 .- A dispatch to the

startling information has reached here by steamer that General Maceo is alive. It was received by waiting Cubans on the where, under the skillful treatment of doc-tors, he is recuperating. The acute period, man dropped in some sort of preparation, it is said, has now passed as he had only swallowed it and then proceeded to the one serious wound, in the stomach.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 31.—Senora Dolores
Mirabel, the widow of Lieutenant Colonel

dining room. Entering with a smile, he greeted the waiting guests with "good evening, my friends. The old year is about

Mirabel, of the insurgent army, who was gone and I think all of us would be hap-killed in a machete charge at Tapaste in pier if we were done with it. I thank you September last, arrived here last night on for the drink you sent me." the Olivette, en route to Tampa, Fla. It Suddenly drawing a revolver, Flannagan was at first reported she claimed to have exclaimed, "prepare to meet your God tocome direct from the insurgents' camp in night," and began firing at the affrighted Western Cuba and that she had been attending Antonio Macco. Now, however, it through the brain of Mrs. Allen, an old appears that Senora Mirabel did not see lady of 65. She fell to the floor dead, with-Macco, but says that just before her departure from Cuba she was informed by a gentleman of Macco's staff who had just Allen was the next to fall a victim to the said that Macco was still alive, but seriously wounded, with four physicians in attendance upon him. Senora Mirabel's informant added that Maceo was recovering slowly, and he further stated that during the engagement between the nsurgents and the Spanish troops under Major Cirujeda, Dr. Zertucha, unobserved, shot Maceo, and afterward hastened to join the Spaniards. For this the doctor is said to have received \$50,000. Previous to leaving Cuba, Senora Mirabel lived for

said to have received \$20,000. Previous to leaving Cuba, Senora Mirabel lived for eight months in a hiding place known as the St. Julia cave, in the province of Havan.

Havana, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of the Associated Press here made inquiries this afternoon regarding the statements attributed to Senora Mirabel, widow of the insurgent colonel, Lino Mirabel, that she was informed before leaving Cuba for the United States that Maceo was alive. The cember 28, Monday last, was Havana's 'Innocents' union, otherwise April fool day, and they assert that some buffoon must have circulated the report that Maceo was the sum of the control of the cont mve circulated the report that Macco was alive. Nobody in official circles here seems to have any doubt that the great insurgent leader is dead.

GENERAL RIVERA REPORTED DEAD. uccessor of Macco Declared to Have Died of His Wounds.

Havana, Dec. 31 .- General Ruis Rivera, who succeeded Antonio Macco at the head to the house of J. A. Payne and asked to the house of J. A. Payne and asked to the house of J. A. Payne and asked to the house of J. A. Payne and asked to see Payne's wife. On being shown into her of the patriot forces in the province of Pinar del Rio, is wounded, according to advices received here from Artemisa. It was stated here this evening that General Rivera subsequently died of his wounds. It is further stated that Brigadier Salvador Rios, who was wounded in an engagement at Peraljo, died some time later.

Opposed to the Cameron Resolution. war except upon the written permission of the green of the island, and also upon the ground that it is the belief. Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Walthall, 5100 for the arrest of William Holmgren, of Mississippi, in an interview, announces who is wanted in McPherson county for also upon the ground that it is the belief.

of the consul that the arms are to be used resolution, for the reason that, in his opinby the insurgents against the kingdom of ion, there is not any "republic of Cuba."

Spain and also the port to which they are existing and operative exercising the funconsigned.

The Spanish consul also refused to vize to recognize. The senator added: "I am he clearance papers, which is a necessary sorry this is so, for the Cubans from the

MADRID PAPERS SEIZED.

Published Violent Articles Demanding Weyler's Recall. Madrid, Dec. 31.-The Imparcial to-day prints a violent article on the military gov-ernment of Cuba, and urges that Captain lown the river. The officer was instructed o leave the boat at the mouth of the river.

The Heraldo published are article at all the state of the st o leave the boat at the mouth of the river.

It is not believed that the Commodore to that of the Imparcial, and they caused a great sensation. Both issues were seized

Cienfuegos, but will make a landing at by the police. Ready to Fight for Cuba.

How Westernanggooooooooo Havana, Dec. 31.—Capter announces that there are is left in the province of Pniar divided into two groups, under General Weyler says further that into two groups, under Du be unnecessary after a few more days and that he will be able to take the Spanish forces out of the province and continue his plan of campaign in the other prov-

FOULEST OF MURDERS.

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details of the tragedy and the probable cause leading up to it were discussed in subdued tones, but not one unkind word has been said of the dead banker. It is believed that the crisis in the bank's affairs proved too much for him and that his mind became unbalanced,

TRIPLE MURDER AT ATLANTA. Herald from Key West, Fla., says: The A Boarder Walks Into the Dining

Room and Shoots Three People Dead. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.-At 7 o'clock towharf with joy and is given some credence. night a triple tragedy took place in Poplar It is now stated that when Maceo fell Springs, a suburb of Atlanta. G. W. Allen, from his horse, his followers thought him an old man of 70 years, owns a home there dead, but afterward found that he was still and took in occasional boarders. This evalive, but spread the report that he was ening, when the supper bell rang. Theodead in order to carry his body off with dore Flannagan failed to answer. A girl safety. Under a strong escort, it is al- was sent to call him, when he sent in word leged, he was carried to Siguanea hospital, | for a drink of water, when he would come

> murderous fellow, falling dead beside his wife. The next bullet which took effect

had for its victim Miss Ruth Slack, the 18year-old daughter of Colonel Slack, of Greensboro, Ga., who had arrived at the house during the afternoon on a visit. Other boarders ran out into the street to seek safety, two of them badly wound-ed by the flying builets. Having emptied his revolver, Flannagan coolly reloaded it

SHOT HIS FORMER SWEETHEART. Murder and Suicide at Barfield, Ill.,

Yesterday Morning.

Donlphan, Mo., Dec. 31.-Report has reached here of a murder and sulcide at Bardeld, fifteen miles east of here, to-day. Adolph Mavis, of New Salem, Ill., walked into that village from Neeleyville. He went presence, he drew a pistol and shot her dead. Then, as he left the house, he shot himself in the head and shoulder, dying instantly. Mavis and Mrs. Payne had been instantly. Mavis and Mrs. Payne had been sweethearts before her marriage to Payne,

which took place six months ago, A Reward for an Inhuman Father

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 31.-(Special.) Gov-